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Dear Michael Lesar NRC

Dear Sir, as a resident of Macon County that can throw a rock into Trousdale Co. I, like most of my neighbors, have a great concern for our safety. It is especially of concern to me is as much as I can see the lights of the tower flash in the sky and the prevailing wind is in my face from the tower at the old abandon sight. There is no way that I could know whether that air is full of atomic particles or not, but as I understand it, there is a 30% chance of an increase in cancer associated with being in the vicinity of such a plant. I do not want to take that risk.

Ron as I understand it 95% of the funding for the NRC comes from the industry you regulate, this gives me great concern as well. Is there any way that we can get a fair shake or will we be another sacrificed area for the sake of a company that has no cash or liquid assets in the U.S. A.

As a retired manager from a large international chemical company, I smell a rat in the timing and the size of the commitment. There simply is no possibility that L.E.S. made the decision to put this plant at this sight AFTER 4 lakes purchased it. I believe that there were negotiations for at least 2 years and the tech school and industrial park reasons for the property transfer were all for cover—Lie to me one time, its over. I want to know the real story here.

A deeper concern that I have is that perception is reality. If the plant is put here it will kill off any further developments in the area. I do not believe that there is a possibility that the new tech school will be built on the sight. I do not believe that the present school could educate more than a handful of the precious few workers that may some day not be imported. Additionally with all other industry scared off the school as well as the community will fold after the 2-year building boom. The spin off industries is a fantasy; proof of this can be seen at Paducah Ky.

My additional concerns are that property values in the region will contract so drastically that the perceived tax bonanza will quickly turn into a tax loss that will sink the community services to the 1930s.

May I appeal to you to not approve this location as the sight but to encourage L.E.S. to look at the desert where the population density is 1 person per square mile? Yes the permitting for them may be higher but killing a 5 county community is too expensive.

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